

101. (75).
- Sporcipes squamifrons*
- (Smith)

Scaly-feathered Finch

Whilst this bird was common from the Molopo up to Khakea and Hukuntsi, it decreased from there to the West. This trend was clearly demonstrated by the diminishing number of nests we could see in the bushes whilst proceeding westwards.

102. (76).
- Ploceus velatus*
- Vieill.

Masked Weaver

Restricted to the thornbush fringing the Molopo River, and to a few villages, but common, wherever it occurs.

103. (77).
- Quelea quelea*
- (L.)

Red-billed Quelea

Probably on account of the dryness of the area, only a few small flocks were met with between Khakea and Kang.

104. (78).
- Euplectes orix*
- (L.)

Red Bishop-Bird

Only met with along the Molopo. Probably totally absent north of there.

105. (79).
- Amadina erythrocephala*
- (L.)

Red-headed Finch

Having been nowhere scarce in the area as a whole, it was found to be abundant around Tshane and Hukuntsi.

106. (80).
- Uraeginthus granatinus*
- (L.)

Violet-eared Waxbill

A fairly common bird of the thick bush and understorey in wooded savanna throughout the area.

107. (81).
- Vidua regia*
- (L.)

Shaft-tailed Whydah

A few of these birds were seen almost daily throughout the area.

41. Fringillidae

108. (82).
- Serinus flaviventris*
- (Swainson)

Yellow Canary

Seemed to be ubiquitous in the whole area, mostly travelling in small family parties, in open wooded country.

109. (83).
- Emberiza impetuani*
- Smith

Lark-like Bunting

At the time of our expedition this species has obviously concentrated in the Tshane and Tshabong areas, where it was often met with outside the dense bush.

4. Summary

The author gives a list of the birds he saw during an excursion through the southwestern Kalahari (Botswana) in December/January 1976/1977, viz. 109 species belonging to 83 genera of 41 families according to the classification of the Check List of Birds of South Africa, Cape Town 1969. Their biotopes are described and their distribution in the districts visited is discussed.